

Remarks

In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner has issued a restriction requirement and requires election of one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

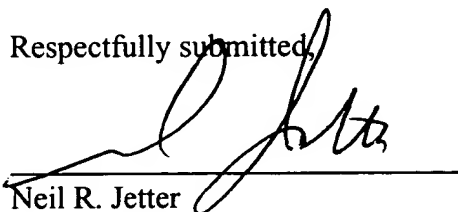
- Group I: Claims 56-84 and 128-131, drawn to carbon foam with a phase change material in its pores;
- Group II: Claims 85-88, 104-107, 111-115, and 120-124, drawn to an apparatus including carbon foam having a phase change material as applied to a spacecraft;
- Group III: Claims 89, 98-103, 108-110, 116-119, and 125-127, drawn to an apparatus including carbon foam with a phase change material for thawing frozen food; and
- Group IV: Claims 90-97, drawn to a temperature control apparatus including carbon foam with a phase change material in its pores.

By this Response, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, *i.e.*, claims 56-84 and 128-131, drawn to carbon foam with a phase change material in its pores and the species comprising the phase change materials recited in claim 57. In this Response, Applicants have also cancelled claims 85-127 without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and substantive examination of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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